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SUBJECT: GUINEAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. FIRED

1. GUINEAN RADIO "VOICE OF REVOLUTION" ANNOUNCED JULY 29 THAT DOUDA KOUROUMA, GUINEAN AMBASSADOR TO U. S. (AND SINCE EARLY JULY IN CONAKRY FOR CONSULTATIONS) HAS BEEN REASSIGNED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF "SERCOM," AS NEW GOG ORGAN WHICH CONTROLS DISTRIBUTION OF CONSUMER GOODS IN GUINEA.

2. COMMENT: KOUROUMA'S TRANSFER IS AN ABRUPT CAREER DEMOTION. HE WILL NOW HELP PRESIDE OVER PATHETIC COLLECTION OF SEVERAL ONE-TIME DEPARTMENT STORES, NOW MORIBUND, WHICH DISPLAY MOTLEY, SPARSE ASSORTMENT OF SOVIET, CHINESE AND WESTERN GOODS AT INOSSIBLE PRICES. KOUROUMA MET WITH ECON OFF AS LATE AS MORNING OF JULY 29 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR NEW U.S. INVESTMENT IN GUINEA AND GAVE NO INKLING HE WAS NOT ABOUT TO DEPART FOR U.S. SOURCE CLOSE TO KOUROUMA TOLD CHARGE THAT KOUROUMA REMAINS TAINTED BY CHARGES OF EMBEZZLEMENT OR SLOPPY ACCOUNTING ARISING DURING HIS TENURE AS DIRECTOR OF ALIMAG (FOOD WAREHOUSING AND SUPPLY AGENCY). THIS SAME ALIMAG SCANDAL
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APPARENTLY WAS WHAT DELAYED HIS INITIAL DEPARTURE FOR U.S. EARLIER IN YEAR; IT HAD BEEN THOUGHT THEN THAT SEKOU TOURE HAD ABSOLVED HIM OF PERSONAL GUILT. IRONICALLY, KOUROUMA HAS SEEN SUCCESS IN HIS MAIN AMBASSADORIAL MISSION -- DEBLOCKING U.S. PL 480 DELIVERIES -- DURING HIS FIVE OR SO MONTHS ON JOB.

2. NEW AMBASSADOR TO U.S. IS IBRAHIMA CAMARA, CURRENTLY GUINEAN AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA. CAMARA, ABOUT 42, IS FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF JRDA, PARTY'S MASS YOUTH ORGANIZATION, JAD IS CURRENTLY PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (WKH KOUROUMA IS NOT). HE HAS ALSO BEEN GOVERNOR OF KINDIA REGION. CAMARA GAINED REPUTATION OF BEING DYNAMIC YOUNGER PARTY ACTIVIST AND ORGANIZER, ESPECIALLY IN TDANR MATTERS AND OUR "CULTURAL" AFFAIRS. EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSION HE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY MORE ON "RED" OR MILITANT POLITICAL SIDE THAN KOUROUMA AND NOT AS OPEN; WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY RECENT BIO ASSESSMENT BUCHAREST CAN PROVIDE ON HIM. SEE ALSO EMBASSY'S A-38, APRIL 11, 1974.

3. PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI ASSURED CHARGE ON JULY 30 THAT GOG WISHED TO UPGRADE AMBASSADOR JOB IN WASHINGTON TO CC LEVEL CONSONANT WITH MUCH IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH U.S., AND TO INSTALL "SOMEONE WHO HAS PRESIDENT TOURE'S CONFIDENCE". ASSIGNMENT HE SAID WAS DECIDED ONLY IN LAST FEW DAYS. FONMIN FILY CISSOKO TOLD CHARGE THAT AGREEMENT REQUEST, ADDITIONAL BIO, AND TRAVEL PLANS WOULD BE SUPPLIED PROMPTLY.

4. KOUROUMA LAYE, KOUROUMA'S SUCCESSOR AT ALIMAG, HAS BEEN REASSIGNED AS GOVERNOR OF KANKAN, REPLACING INCUMBENT TIDIANE SANOWK WHO HAS BEEN SACKED FOR REGION'S CONFIDENTIAL

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY. KDNKAN IS NO-WIN JOB, SINCE, ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, SAHARA ENCROACHMENT TOWARD SOUTH INTO SAHEL HAS GREATLY INCREASED ARIDITY IN REGION. KOUROUMA LAYE HAS PRESUMABLY FAILED TO SHAPE UP ALIMAG TO SEKOU TOURE'S SATISFACTION. COMPLETING CIRCLEJO HIS REPLACEMENT WILL BE HABIB BAH, DAOUDA KOUROUMA'S PREDECESSOR AS AMBASSADOR TO U.S. MAINLAND

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